

TOOK HIS LIFE IN A BATHTUB.

**Charles T. Thomas Commits
Suicide While Detectives
Hunt for Him.**

WE FOUND GAS TOO SLOW.

**Placed His Mouth Beneath the
Water, and Was Slowly
Strangled.**

CLERK WITH A. A. VANTINE & CO.

**His Room in Sad Disorder and a
Letter Left Which the Po-
lice Withheld.**

Charles T. Thomas, forty-five years old, a salesman, employed by A. A. Vantine & Co., 877 and 879 Broadway, committed suicide at 10 o'clock this morning by drowning himself in a bathtub at 4 Lexington avenue, where he occupied a furnished room.

The indications are that Thomas lived an hour longer, he would have been placed under arrest. At a few minutes before 10 o'clock Alfred D. Kutscher, an employee of Vantine & Co., accompanied by a private detective from Fuller's agency, rang the bell at Thomas's lodgings.

The landlady, Mrs. Eliza Tuttle, opened the door for them. Mr. Kutscher told her he had an appointment to meet Mr. Thomas at 9 o'clock, but that Thomas had not put in an appearance, and inquired if he was in.

Mrs. Tuttle replied that her lodger was in, but had been in the bathroom since 8 o'clock. She feared something was wrong.

Kutscher and the detective immediately ran across the street to Policeman Keating, who returned with them. They went to the bathroom, burst the door open and found Thomas sitting in the bathtub, which was filled with water to the brim.

Thomas sat with his head bent forward, his face against his knees and his mouth and nostrils under water. He was unconscious, but not dead.

The policeman called Dr. Henphy, of 104 East Twenty-sixth street, who began an effort to restore Thomas to consciousness.

An ambulance call was sent to Bellevue Hospital, to which Dr. Elser responded. Both doctors worked over Thomas fifteen or twenty minutes, but died without regaining consciousness.

After Mr. Thomas's death, the policeman, the detective, and Mr. Kutscher, made an examination of his room, which adjoined the bath. It was in a badly littered condition; bric-a-brac strewn about, the floor and wash basin was on the floor, and the gas turned on full, but unlighted. It is thought Thomas first tried to kill himself by gas inhalation, but that this method proved too slow, and he drowned himself.

Through Mrs. Tuttle, it was learned that Mr. Thomas had received a letter a few minutes before entering the bathroom. A letter was found in his room, but the police refused to make its contents known, and decided to turn it over to the coroner.

It was said, however, that it threw no light on the suicide.

Mr. Kutscher, when seen by an "Evening World" reporter, refused absolutely to state the nature of the business he expected to transact with Mr. Thomas.

He also refused to say whether Mr. Thomas would have been arrested if he had lived. The detective was equally reticent.

C. W. Colton, manager for Vantine & Co., told an "Evening World" reporter this afternoon that Thomas had been stealing from them. He was caught yesterday by marked money and confessed.

Mr. Colton had promised Thomas not to have him arrested, and Thomas agreed to go with a detective to the pawn shops to-day, to convince them that he had not stolen merchandise as well as money.

The exact amount of Thomas's thefts is not known. He admitted that he had been stealing since January, but the firm believe the pecuniations go back further than that.

Thomas had been in the employment of Vantine & Co. four or five years, and for the last four years had lived in the house where he was also a tenant, as he could be learned, he was a man of good habits, and very regular in his attendance to business.

He left the store early yesterday afternoon. It is said that he comes from the upper part of the State, where his family is well known. He was unmarried.

The Indian Woman Pleads Guilty.
Annie Carr, the Indian woman who tried to drown herself in the North River, before Recorder Jeff this morning changed her plea of "not guilty" to "guilty" on the charge of attempted suicide. She said she was an Indian, thirty-two years old, and that before she came to New York she lived with other members of her tribe nine miles from Montreal. She was a head worker, and lived in Broome street, in this city. She had no relatives excepting a cousin, a poor woman who was also a head worker in this city. Recorder Jeff remanded her until Wednesday.

He Was a Tramp Suicide.
JAMAICA, L. I., May 24.—A tramp will hold an inquest next Monday in the case of the man who was found dead under a tree, with a noose about his neck, last Wednesday afternoon. Dr. Flynn, who yesterday performed the autopsy, stated that the man was a tramp, and that it was a case of suicide.

Gashed His Throat with a Knife.
George Conroy, twenty-three years old, of 1055 Madison street, Brooklyn, attempted suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a pocket-knife. He was removed to St. Mary's Hospital.

Switch Engine Crushed His Leg Off.
Herman Weinhardt, thirty-five years old, living on Smith avenue, White Plains, was run over by a New York Central and Hudson River Railroad switch engine at the Mott Haven station last night. His left leg was broken, severed from his body. He was taken to the Harlem Hospital, where his leg was amputated.

ON A PRIEST'S COMPLAINT.

**A Man Claiming to Be a Priest
Charged with Swindling.**

Francis Day, who claims to be a priest, was arrested last night on complaint of Rev. Father John McGuire, in Long Island City, and spent the night in a cell.

He was arraigned this morning before Judge Duffy. A policeman stated that Father McGuire complained that the defendant was going about Long Island City collecting money for the fund which is being raised to build a new Catholic church for Father McGuire, in place of the edifice which was destroyed by fire some time ago.

Judge Duffy adjourned the hearing until May 27, and as the defendant was unable to furnish \$500 bail he was committed to the Queens County Jail.

THUMPED A SNEAK THIEF.

**Dentist Gave Him His Punishment
In His Own Hands.**

A sneak thief entered the office of Dr. Frank Gould, a dentist in the Hulsebos Building, at Port Richmond, 8. L. last evening and stole a bottle of gold filling valued at \$25.

As the thief was returning to his office the dentist met him on the stairs and wanted to know if he did not want to purchase a gold watch. When the dentist entered the office he discovered that his desk had been cleared and missed his bottle of gold filling.

Dr. Gould at once became suspicious of the stranger, gave pursuit and caught him in the upper end of the village. The stranger admitted having stolen the bottle, and returned it to the dentist, who begged not to be arrested.

Dr. Gould threw off his coat and set to give the thief a sound thrashing. He struck him a number of violent blows, discolored his eyes, and continued to punish the thief until he cried for mercy. Dr. Gould then left for his office while the well-punished thief made a hasty retreat.

HALF HIS LIFE IN PRISON.

**Now Professional Crook Meyers
Gets Two More Years.**

Recorder Goff to-day sentenced Edward Meyers, alias Eddie McGee, a professional crook, to two years and five months for attempted larceny. Meyers is fifty-two years old, and has spent twenty-three years of his life behind prison bars.

When arraigned he pleaded to be sent to the penitentiary, as he was sick. The Recorder questioned him as to his health, and Meyers answered that he had served time in Moyamensing Prison, Sing Sing, Joliet, the Kings County Penitentiary and other places.

Meyers was arrested May 10, just as he was leaving the store of Oelbermann, Commercial & Co., 57 Grand street, with three bundles of silk, worth \$37.

Meyers was once known as a clever burglar, but of late years, as he got older, he has been an all-around crook.

ROBBED HIS BOARDING-HOUSE.

**Young Klein Is the Son of a Well-
Known Cleveland Physician.**

At the request of Central Office detectives, James Klein, in the Jefferson Market Police Court, this morning remanded young Clarence Klein, or Klein, until to-morrow morning.

The boy is charged with having stolen several hundred dollars worth of jewelry and wearing apparel from persons having rooms in the house of Miss Sarah E. Bissell, at 51 East Twentieth street, where he also roomed.

It has been learned that the prisoner's right name is Clarence Klein, and that his father is a physician at 122 Euclid avenue, Cleveland, where he is well known and highly respected.

Clarence has given his family a great deal of trouble.

ANOTHER UPTOWN FIRE.

**This Time It Broke Out in an Up-
stairs Closet.**

The Fire Marshal notified this morning to investigate into the origin of a fire that started in a closet on the third floor of the five-story flat-house at 406 West Twenty-fifth street at 4 o'clock this morning.

The blaze was extinguished by William Atz, a tenant, who discovered the fire. About \$100 damage was done, the closet being burned out.

The house is owned by Mrs. Marshall, of 42 West Fifty-sixth street. The jailitress of the house is Mrs. McIntosh.

POCKETS PICKED ON A CAR.

**Two Alleged Victims of "Red" Far-
rell Cause His Arrest.**

Stephen, alias "Red" Farrell, alias Stephens, whose picture is in the Rogues' Gallery, was committed to trial at Yorkville Police Court to-day.

Two complainants appeared against him. One was Samuel G. Van Dusen, who keeps a pawn-cutting establishment at 15 Duane street, and his foreman, Moses S. Blinger. Farrelly accused them of picking their pockets last night on a Third avenue cable car.

KOHL HAS A RESPITE.

**The Newark Murderer Will Not Die
Before October.**

Had not the counsel of Henry Kohl, the condemned murderer in Newark, taken the case to the United States Court the respite granted by Gov. Werts would expire to-day and Kohl would probably have been executed.

Now the case will not be disposed of before October.

Picked Lawyer Gibbs's Pocket.

**Dennis Roach, twenty-one years old, of 25
Cherry street, accused of having picked
the pocket of Herbert H. Gibbs, lawyer, of 10 Wall
street, in a cable car last night, was
arrested by Justice Vanvoris, in the Tombs Police Court,
this morning, in \$500 bail.**

Another Negro Lynched.

HENDERSON, Ky., May 24.—Claude Thompson, colored, attempted to outrage Mildred Gray, a thirteen-year-old white child at Devoken, Union County, yesterday morning. The child's screams brought assistance and the negro fled. He was captured and at 12 o'clock last night was hanged by a mob of seventy-five men.

Lawson Fuller Assists in a Rescue.

An explosion of gas started a fire last night on the fourth floor of the flat-house at Amsterdam street and One Hundred and Fifty-third street. Mrs. May Young, a paralytic, who was in the house and unable to move, was rescued by Police Sgt. Korchner, assisted by Lawson S. Fuller, whose efforts at driving a six-in-hand along Riverside drive, have lately brought him into public notice.

Early Morning Blazes.

Five on the top floor of Broadway, at 51 East One Hundred and Third street, occupied by John Satter, caused \$50 damage at midnight.

Cause unknown. At 4:14 o'clock this morning the damage done by a fire on the third floor of a five-story flat at 406 West Twenty-fifth street, in the apartment of William Atz.

The best values in town on Christmas and New Year's Eve were \$100 and \$150.

THEY'LL GET MEDALS.

**The Brave Firemen Who Are to
Receive "World" Testimonials.**

**Thomas O'Hearn, John P. Howe and
Edward T. Galloway the Heroes.**

**Presentation Takes Place During
the Parade To-Morrow.**

The firemen selected by the Board of Fire Commissioners to receive "The World's" Public Service Medals, as rewards for personal bravery, are Thomas O'Hearn, Foreman Hook and Ladder Company No. 7; Edward T. Galloway, Foreman Hook and Ladder Company No. 10.

The medals will be presented to-morrow at the annual parade of the Fire Department on Riverside Drive.

Thomas O'Hearn, the first of the brave firemen named by the Commissioners, is a veteran in the service, having served twenty years and in which time he was promoted for merit.

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CONSTABLE SAYS IT'S A JOB.

**Bill to Give Dock Department Con-
trol of Buildings on Piers.**

Mayor Strong gave a hearing to-day on the bill which takes out of the hands of the Building Department and gives to the Dock Department the power to superintend the erection of all structures on the city docks.

Gen. Thomas Ewing, counsel for the Building Department, first spoke against the bill.

He said if the measure became a law it would necessitate the establishment of a building department in the Dock Department, thereby entailing extra expense to the city, and would make possible the erection of an inferior class of buildings on the docks.

After offering strenuous objections to the bill, Superintendent of Buildings Constable said:

"I accidentally overheard a group of steamship men talking day before yesterday. They didn't know who I was, and I couldn't help listening to their conversation."

"One of the gentlemen said: 'If we can only get this bill through and have the Dock Department put in charge, we can put up a much cheaper class of buildings on the docks, and the city will get the benefit of it.'"

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SAVED JUST IN TIME.

**A Train Nearly Wrecked by Two
Big Stones on the Track.**

Two Men Arrested on a Charge of
Attempt at Wrecking.

They Declare They Merely Signalled
the Train to Stop.

James Chadwick, a blacksmith, and Frederick Wohlfelt, a butcher, both twenty-one years old, were arrested at 410 this morning, charged with having placed stones on the tracks of the Putnam, New York and Northern Railroad.

The complaint was lodged by Hubert H. Porter, of 236 Eighth avenue, and the arrests were made by Patrolman James Conroy, of the High Bridge station.

They were arraigned in the Morrisania Police Court this morning, charged with attempting to wreck the south-bound extra freight train on the Putnam County Branch of the New York Central Railroad at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

A few minutes after the train left Elmford Engineer John Gehl saw some one signalling about a mile ahead. He whistled down brakes and brought the train to a standstill. He found Chadwick and Wohlfelt standing alongside the track, and near them on the west side two rocks weighing 200 pounds each.

The men were questioned, and hesitated somewhat in their answers. They said they had visited a friend in Elmford, and were walking along the tracks on their way to the city, and signalled the approaching train. The engineer and the fireman regarded their story with suspicion, and telegraphed to the High Bridge police station asking Capt. Ryan to send a policeman to the railway station.

Policeman Conroy came and made prisoners of the men. Directly opposite the place where the rocks were found is an embankment twenty feet high, on the west side, and on the east side is a high ledge, from which the rocks had evidently been taken.

In court this morning the men admitted their original story, and Judge Martin remanded them to give the police time to look up their records.

WANTS AN INJUNCTION.

**Sydney Rosenfeld Claims the Title
"The Mimic World" Is His.**

"Sydney Rosenfeld said he was written out, and was absolutely unable to furnish the manuscript for 'The Mimic World,'" said A. H. Hummel in the Court of Common Pleas to-day. "and that statement and because he failed to deliver the manuscript, he was ordered to pay \$1,000 in damages."

Rosenfeld said he had a contract with the publisher, and that he was unable to furnish the manuscript because he was unable to deliver the manuscript, and that he was unable to deliver the manuscript because he was unable to deliver the manuscript.

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